Case File No.: AA-009596 AK-040-03-EA-033

DECISION RECORD AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

I. Decision:

It is my decision to authorize the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to construct additional facilities on land currently being leased under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. The area included in the lease is located within the NE½SW¼, Section 9, T. 13 N., R. 3 W., Seward Meridian. This decision includes the mitigation measures identified in AK-040-03-EA-033 and adopted as stipulations (Stipulations).

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The lands described in the analysis are included in the Alaska Southcentral Planning Area Management Framework Plan (MFP), dated March 1980. Objective Number L-1 of the MFP states the BLM intends to "Satisfy state and local government needs as well as public and/or private demonstrated needs for land as they arise." The decision to allow the Proposed Action will help the ADF&G to meet their needs for fish production and does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The decision will not significantly restrict subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of subsistence resources, alter the distribution of subsistence resources, or limit subsistence user access from currently existing conditions. No further analysis is necessary at this time.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

/s/ June Bailey	09-23-03
Anchorage Field Manager	Date

Attachments:

Environmental Assessment: AK-040-03-EA-033

Stipulations

Elmendorf Hatchery Site Plan